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## from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

### OPIUM DEPARTMENT

The district attorney of San Joaquin County has been properly slapped on the wrists by the director of the State Department of Social Welfare for suggesting sterilization of welfare problem parents.

You have to go far beyond Newburgh, N.C., to Hitler's Germany to find the precedent for this. Hitler's totalitarian state decided who should live and who should die—and who should and who shouldn't have the basic human right of creating another life.

It is to be hoped that in the United States the state exists for the individual—not vice versa.

At the same time, all except Goldwater reactionaries agree that in modern industrial society we can't help having victims of economic misfortune—including children—who need help.

They should not be left to steal or starve.

As for those who cheat, they are a small minority. And we have existing democratic laws to deal with them.

William E. Rainey, assistant director of the Alameda County Welfare Department, told a San Leandro audience earlier this month, incidentally, that the illegitimacy rate is lower among people who are on relief than among those who aren't.

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### CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Another stupid proposal came last week from Henry C. Alexander, chairman of the board of pany of New York.

the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Speaking in San Francisco, Morgan was quoted as saying the United States was making a major mistake by actively promoting freedom in many underdeveloped colonial nations.

This idea has been voiced before by those who wanted to maintain the status quo for the fading colonial powers.

But Alexander gave another reason. He said this so-called premature birth of nations would "start them on the almost certain road to a subjection far worse than the one they left."

If we in the United States sincerely believe that Communist domination is a "fate worse than death," the path is clear.

Let us encourage freedom for colonial peoples before—not after—they fall for the Soviet lure.

Then let us help them and show them how to make democracy work—with no economic or military strings attached.

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### QUESTION DEPT.

My question of the week: Why not build the new Hayward-San Mateo Bridge AND keep the old one. Why tear down the old one?

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

# 600 AFLCIO unionists hit by Teamster strike

## State building trades contract ready for vote

Building Trades Council delegates may be asked to approve the proposed uniform building trades contract for use throughout the state at their next meeting.

The contract, drawn up as a step in the fight to stop undercutting by United Mine Workers' District 50, is now complete and received tentative approval at a recent meeting of state BTC officials in San Francisco.

J. L. Childers, business representative of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, said the proposed statewide contract incorporates much of the language and subject matter of the present Alameda County building trades contract.

A few helpful additions were made from contracts in use in Southern California counties.

Childers explained that many counties have no building trades contracts at present. Others have contracts that are less effective.

He said the statewide contract would stop contractors who operate union where they have to, but operate non-union or with District 50 in other areas.

### LOCAL 36 \$1 ASSESSMENT

C. R. Bartolini of Carpenters 36, president of the State Council of Carpenters, discussed the legal aspects of a uniform state contract and agreed on the need for one.

Local 36 voted a \$1 per member assessment for the State Building Trades Defense fund at its last meeting, he said. The

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### PLUMBERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local 444 will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Labor Temple. The date was listed erroneously in last week's East Bay Labor Journal. See page 5 for the complete corrected notice.

## Candle plant apparently recruiting strikebreakers

The Central Labor Council has entered the eight-week strike of Leather, Plastic and Novelty Workers 31 against the Pacific Candle Co. in Hayward.

The company is apparently recruiting strikebreakers, Richard K. Groulx, assistant CLC secretary, and Charles Bruno, union business manager, told delegates Monday night.

## UAW wants local G.M. strike over— even if Co. doesn't

Oakland Chevrolet plant official refused to let a federal mediator sit in on their talks in the local strike by United Auto Workers 1031.

But union negotiators planned to bring one along, anyway, Tuesday afternoon, according to Arnold Callan, UAW sub-regional director.

Before that, local G.M. negotiators had refused to budge on disputed issues, Callan said.

At the nearby Fisher body plant, Callan added, G.M. admits there's no trade dispute, but it stopped payment of state unemployment benefits just the same. It did so by filing an appeal against payment, which holds things up automatically.

Some 222 persons were working at the body plant Tuesday. About 1,000 had been laid off because of the Chevrolet strike.

Throughout the United States, there were still strikes on local issues Tuesday at 65 out of 130 G.M. plants.

## Turkey turns out to be cold, he says

Art Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council is still trying to get American Bakery and Confectionery Workers 242 back to work at the Peter Paul, Inc., candy plant.

Hellender returned from a meeting in Monterey last Friday because the company wanted to "talk turkey."

But it turned out to be cold turkey. By Monday, Hellender said, Peter Paul attorneys were "trying to back out of things they talked about Friday."

## Pullman subsidiary lives up to former reputation

Archiac personnel policies and refusal to pay prevailing wage scales are blamed by Business Representative DeWaye (Bud) Williams of Automotive Machinists 1546 for the strike at Trailmobile, Inc., in Fremont.

The company is living up to its reputation as a subsidiary of the Pullman Co., notorious in labor history, Williams said.

## Lodge 1546 Bldg. Corp.

An important notice for members of the Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 Building Corporation will be found on page 5.

## Bitterness hinted, but pickets at food warehouses respected

Nearly 600 members of AFLCIO unions were already out of work or on shorter hours Tuesday because of the strike of 370 Teamster warehousemen and food drivers in the East Bay.

Food Clerks 870 was hit the hardest. Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer, said 500 members of his union had been laid off or cut back in hours. These included a considerable number at retail stores, as well as those observing picket lines at wholesale warehouses.

### HINT RETAIL STORE PICKETING

Reports that the two involved Teamster locals, 70 and 853, would picket retail outlets had failed to materialize as of Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Federal Mediation Service had entered the picture at the request of Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council. Settlement attempts were proceeding Tuesday afternoon.

Picketing of retail stores would throw large numbers of Food Clerks and Butchers out of work. Sylvan Thornton, secretary-treasurer of Butchers 120, said Tuesday no members of his union had been affected yet.

### THREE AFLCIO UNIONS AFFECTED

In addition to Food Clerks 870, unions affected included Office Workers 29 and Automotive Machinists 1546. About 80 members of Local 29 respected Teamster pickets at the Lucky and Louis Stores wholesale installations, according to John Kinnick secretary-treasurer.

DeWayne (Bud) Williams, business representative for Auto-  
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## State schools buy out-of-state millwork; state Millmen suffer

Millmen in California face the loss of \$5 million in wages each year if the state's school mill and fixture work is completely captured by out-of-state manufacturers.

This statement was presented to the State Mill Committee of the Carpenters at a meeting in Fresno last Saturday by Clyde Johnson, business representative for Millmen's 550.

"Highly capitalized out-of-state manufacturers, located in low-wage areas, have invaded California with slick picture catalogues and well-heeled salesmen and have done an effective high-pressure sales job on architects and school boards all over the state," Johnson said.

He charged the latest "act of piracy" was committed in Los Angeles County. All the school mill and fixture work in the county for two years was lumped together for one big bid. Approximate value of the job was \$400,000.

This, Johnson explained, eliminated all California bidders because bonding and insurance costs were beyond their means. He said a similar step was taken in Sacramento last year.

### MISSISSIPPI WAGE: \$1.60

Top mill wage in Mississippi is \$1.60 an hour. In California, Millmen in cabinet shops doing school work get \$3.27½ plus fringe benefits, Johnson said.

Abuses which are costing Cali-

fornia Millmen their jobs were listed by Johnson as follows:

- Many architects "earn" their 8 per cent fees by copying specifications from out-of-state catalogues, instead of writing standard specifications fair to local firms.

- Some general contractors go "bid peddling" among out-of-state millwork subcontractors.

- Although some school openings have been delayed a year or more, the State Division of Architecture refuses to publish a list of firms which have furnished inferior and rejected school fixtures.

The Millmen plan to ask school boards to use the system employed in Oakland The Oakland Board of Education requires that wages paid by sub-contractors be equal to those in this area.

They'll also ask school boards to exercise the 5 per cent preferential allowance for California firms, seek separate bids for fixture and case work, and require better specifications.

### POULTER ELECTED

Johnson said Harlan Poulter of Millmen's 702, Los Angeles, is new secretary of the State Mill Committee. He succeeds Anthony Ramos of Local 550, who is now special mill representative for the State Council of Carpenters.

Among Ramos' duties is cooperation with industry groups to save the school millwork business in California.



# HOW TO BUY

## October Buying Calendar

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Columbus Day sales give you an opportunity to buy winter coats for the family at reduced prices.

This department considers two types of women's coats to be especially good value this year for their basic usefulness and relatively moderate prices:

- One is the recently introduced foam-backed coats.
- The other is Orlon and Dynel coats, better styled and more reasonable this year.

Foam-backed coats for women are widely available now in both long coats and toppers. This useful idea is also spreading into men's and children's garments and rainwear. Boys' and men's jackets, and even men's work clothing, are available with foam backing.

Generally, women's foam-backed coats are either wool jersey or acrylic fiber, such as Orlon or Acrilan, laminated to a foam backing. This backing makes a warm garment but with less weight and bulk than winter coats and jackets usually have. The foam backing also helps a garment resist sagging and loss of shape.

**WOMEN'S** casual coats and toppers of this type are available this year for as little as \$25-\$35. Dressy coats with foam backing are priced under \$60, even with fur trim. Retailers are offering foam-backed women's walking suits. The long jacket is also wearable as a separate coat.

Children's foam-backed jackets are an especially useful idea for cold weather school and play wear. These cost about \$10, or a little more in the reversible type with knit cotton on one side and water-repellent cotton poplin on the other.

In buying children's jackets or sports coats, whether foam-backed or not, you'll save work and protect your children against wet weather if you look for jackets treated with one of the new water and spot-resistant finishes, such as Scotchgard or Sylmer.

Another good idea for children is raincoats with detachable zip-

out Orlon acrylic pile liners so they can be used in cold weather or as lightweight coats.

**MEN'S** jackets and surcoats in foam-backed fabrics (either knit or smooth surface) generally cost \$15-\$20.

But the most interesting development is the new foam-backed work clothing for outdoor workers. These generally are cotton twill bonded to foam. These come in one piece suits or separate pants and jacket. (both foam-backed). Prices of such work suits are under \$20.

**WOMEN'S DRESSES:** You'll also find sales in October of women's fall dresses. Dark cottons have become increasingly popular for all-year wear, in designs or weaves like twills, checks or tweeds, usually associated with wools and other fibers. These are generally treated for crease resistance, since wrinkling is the traditional problem with cotton fabrics.

A recent test by the New York State (Cornell) Experiment Station found that dry cleaning proved most satisfactory in preventing shrinkage and stretching and keeping the color and crease resistance of dark cottons.

The testers also found that hand washing is preferable to machine washing to minimize shrinking, fading and loss of body, but that crease resistance seemed to be lost at about the same rate by both methods.

**FOOD CALENDAR:** As this department has been warning, food prices are high this autumn, and family meals need careful planning to keep your budget under control. Among the better buys in protein foods for October are broilers, turkeys and cheese, with beef also relatively reasonable.

The larger turkeys give you more actual meat to the pound. With a ready-to-cook bird under 12 pounds, you generally need 3/4 to 1 pound per serving. With birds over 12 pounds, you need only 1/2 to 3/4 pounds.

One break this year is the big apple crop, which has brought prices down from last year's expensive tags. Potatoes also are in especially heavy supply this fall, and this is the month to lay in a quantity.

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## Helen Nelson likes hams pure

Helen Nelson, California state consumer counsel, says consumers have won a real victory at the meat counter, thanks to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

Mrs. Nelson referred to Freeman's decision to reverse an order by former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson to allow federally-inspected hams and certain other smoked products to contain up to 10 per cent added moisture.

Benson issued the order in December, 1960.

Protests against Benson's ruling from consumer groups throughout the country led Freeman to hold a series of public hearings on the issue in several U.S. cities.

Mrs. Nelson appeared at the Los Angeles hearing in May to protest Benson's legally watered hams, and to urge the Department of Agriculture to rescind the new regulation and restore the old one. The old ruling required smoked ham to contain no more water after curing than before.

Mrs. Nelson wired Freeman a message of thanks and congratulations:

"Governor Brown asked me to convey his personal thanks for what you have done on behalf of consumers.

"We salute you for your action in curbing adulteration of ham.

"Your action preserves the integrity of the federal stamp of quality—the USDA shield.

"I am sure I speak for the millions of housewives who rely on the USDA shield as a meaningful guide to quality meats when I applaud you and wish you continued success in guarding our rights as consumers."

## U.S. indicts 3 antibiotic firms

The three drug companies which manufacture 70 per cent of all the aureomycin, terramycin and tetracycline sold in the United States faced a Federal Grand Jury indictment this week on antitrust charges.

Also indicted were three top executives of the companies, Charles Pfizer & Co., American Cyanamid Co., and Bristol-Myers Co.

The three executives and their firms are accused of maintaining unreasonably high and non-competitive prices and monopolizing production and distribution of the three "broad spectrum" antibiotics since 1953.

Named as co-conspirators, but not indicted, were the Upjohn Co. and Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., parent firm of E. R. Squibb & Sons.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

WHAT KIND of education are we giving our children?

The labor movement has traditionally been concerned with what is taught in our public schools, and how well it is taught.

In an article in the Atlantic Monthly for September, Oscar Handlin, a Harvard University professor, tells why we need to take another look at our high schools.

And part of his article, "Live Students and Dead Education," is especially important for union families.

**IN THE PAST**, Handlin charges, vocational education courses were often used as a dumping ground for the underprivileged, who lacked the opportunity to develop their abilities.

But, he warns:

"The old forms of vocational education will be even less useful in the future than in the past; the very same economic changes that drive more students into the schools also undervalue the handicraft skills that can be taught there."

These economic changes include: fewer jobs for unskilled workers, especially those under 18; the decline of the family farm; mechanization and automation, and the need to spread employment with a shorter work week because of persistent "hard core" unemployment.

"A LARGE PART of the high school population," Handlin says, "consequently finds itself enmeshed in an institution that has little relevance to present or future needs . . . They are told to study subjects they cannot grasp and to acquire skills they may never use."

The result? " . . . some become utterly apathetic. Others divert their vitality into the rebellion of juvenile delinquency."

**AS A PARENT**, ex-high school student and ex-high school teacher, I feel that some of Handlin's charges about the "deadness" of high school offerings are overdrawn.

Some schools are better than others, some courses are better than others and, most important, some teachers are better than others. But too much IS outdated, boring, useless and ineffectively taught.

Unfortunately, we have the idea that our California schools are better than others. People who have moved here with their children from other states tell me this isn't necessarily true.

We can learn from the professional educators, but they can learn from laymen—including labor people—too.

Workers will receive the full share of what they produce when they organize and buy their own union-made products.

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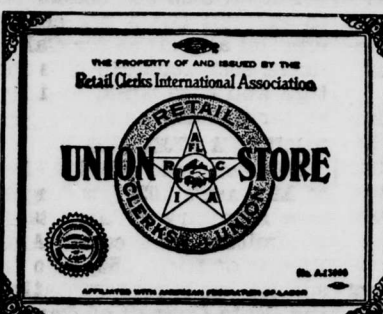
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## Paul Fuhrer dies; veteran official of Bakery Drivers

Funeral services were held Monday for Paul Fuhrer, 73, a veteran official of Bakery Drivers 432.

Fuhrer, who suffered a stroke earlier this year, died in a rest home in the Hayward area last Friday. A native of Switzerland, he had lived in the East Bay since childhood. His home was in Castro Valley.

In 1909, Fuhrer was one of 11 drivers for a Berkeley firm who organized Local 102 of the Bakers Union. He was the union's first secretary. The union became part of the Teamsters and changed its local number to 432 in 1919.

Fuhrer became a business agent of Local 432 in June, 1935, and served until February, 1953, when he retired because of poor health. He returned in an ex-officio capacity in 1959 to help revise the local's by-laws to conform with new labor legislation.

Two sons, Paul Jr. and William, are bakery drivers and members of Local 432. Also surviving are his wife, Violet; a daughter, Mrs. Dodie Dashiell of Martinez; a sister, three stepchildren and five grandchildren.

During his union career, Fuhrer was active in the Labor Temple Association and on the advisory committee of the East Bay Labor Journal. He played a leading role in planning the present Labor Temple.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Pratt-Flierl Mortuary in Hayward.

Fuhrer was formerly a member of the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council. The council adjourned in his memory Monday night.

## 13 Culinary 31 members receive strike benefits

Thirteen members of Culinary 31 have benefitted from the local's Strike Benefit Fund during the General Motors Strike, according to Fran Childers, secretary-treasurer.

They are members of the union employed by G.M.'s plant food service subsidiary at the Chevrolet and Fisher Body plants in Oakland.

Local 31 pays its members who are on strike, observing picket lines or thrown out of work by a strike \$6 a day.

## Bob Smith dies

Robert G. Smith, 54, president of East Bay Steel Machinists 1304 and past president of the Albany Democratic Club, died this week in Kaiser Foundation Hospital. He had been hospitalized nearly a month. Services are pending.

## 2 Oakland Teamsters take on Hoffa on television program

More democracy in the Teamsters Union was called for by two members of Oakland Teamsters 70 who were interviewed on the television program "Consider and Decide" on KRON (Channel 5) Sunday.

The two, Merle Bigenno and Edward L. Painter, appeared to answer statements made by James R. Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, on the program recently.

## 11-state Teamster pact is approved

James R. Hoffa's 11-state master contract was approved by rank-and-file Teamsters 7,010 to 2,550, a nearly-complete tally released by Einar Mohn, director of the Western Conference of Teamsters, showed this week.

Mohn said 12 unreported locals wouldn't change the picture.

The contract—which excludes the Bay Area, Portland and Seattle—was turned down by a few locals, including Locals 980, Santa Rosa, and 208, Los Angeles.

The three-year contract gives pickup and delivery drivers a 45-cent package. Over-the-road drivers will receive approximately 21 cents more in wages and benefits.

In addition, pension and health plan contributions will go up, and the contract offers over-the-road drivers better mileage allowances and creates an "automation fund."

Painter, who was one of 15 delegates who voted against Hoffa at the recent IBT convention, described the Teamster president as "a power mad little gentleman . . . who doesn't represent the rank-and-file and doesn't desire to represent the rank-and-file."

Hoffa was re-elected, Painter declared, because most of the delegates were union officials under his control. As additional bait, according to Painter, the officials were given a new pension plan at the convention.

Painter hastened to add that this pension plan doesn't cover rank-and-file members.

Bigenno said the Teamster Constitution, as amended at the convention, prevents a rank-and-file member from becoming a candidate for international president. Only officers can run, he said.

### BAY AREA REVOLT

Earlier in the program, Bigenno told interviewer Jere Witter that Hoffa "took a political beating" in the Bay Area recently.

(See editorial page for details and comment on this.)

## Crown dinner

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown is scheduled to address a "recognition dinner" for Assemblyman Robert W. Crown Sept. 29 at the Hotel Alameda. A large labor representation is expected. Crown was re-elected last November with the support of labor's Council on Political Education (COPE).

## ILWU strike; thirteen Culinary 31 members out

About 430 members of Local 6, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, struck the Colgate-Palmolive plant in Berkeley last Friday.

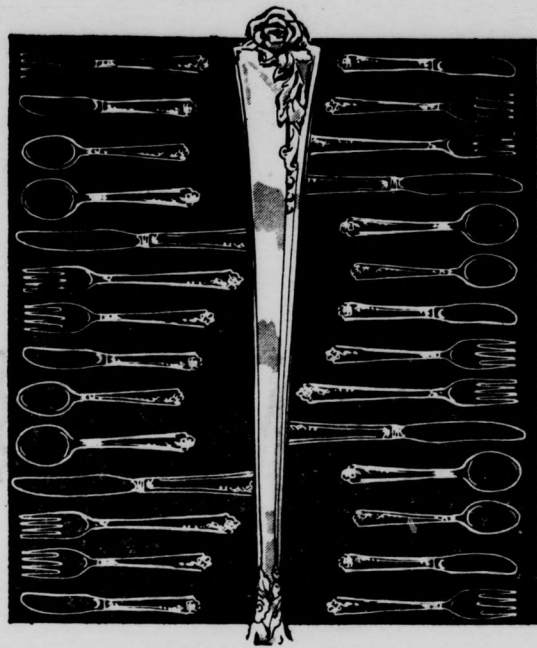
Thirteen members of Culinary 31 were locked out in the dispute, which was still going on Tuesday. They were drawing state unemployment compensation and Local 31 strike benefits, according to Fran Childers, secretary of Local 31.

## Judge Cook elevated to Superior Court bench

Municipal Judge Lyle E. Cook, who was supported by labor when he ran unsuccessfully for Congress from the Seventh District in 1950, was appointed to the Superior Court last week by Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

Judge Cook succeeds Superior Judge James Agee, who was appointed a justice of the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco.

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The OAKLAND NEWSPAPER PRINTING PRESSMEN'S UNION LOCAL No. 39 has been picketing the Martinez Gazette since the middle of July, 1961 due to the refusal of the publisher to sign a contract which he agreed to and his own labor-relations counselor drew up. It is our opinion that after waiting 6 months for an agreement to be signed that was mutually drawn up, we were within our rights to refuse to furnish newspaper pressmen in a plant wherein a contract was not in force.

Although we are subordinate to the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America, this strike is strictly a local problem and not a directive from our International Union, nor are they aiding us in our efforts to secure a signed agreement. We are affiliated with the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council and have their sanction to conduct this strike.

In a recent issue of the Labor Journal, the Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 saw fit to mind our business and to publicly criticize us through a paid advertisement although they do not have any jurisdiction in Contra Costa County. This local union has always cooperated with the Oakland Typographical Union since we were organized in many ways including wage negotiations and the securing of the label on printing, etc. We wonder who put that chip on their shoulder and who knocked it off. They

infer that we have time and again refused to respect their picket lines and we would like to know when this happened?

This local has never crossed a sanctioned picket line nor has it ever raided another union's jurisdiction or furnished rats as intimidated. Maybe we are being blamed for something that happened in Timbaktu 10 years ago although we have no jurisdiction there.

If the Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 has increased its jurisdiction by taking the Martinez Local into protective custody, maybe we could hold them responsible for allowing the imported "scabby pressman" and the imported "Scabby Stereotyper" that are working with the Martinez Typos to sign applications to become true union members of the Martinez Typographical Union thereby creating a bonafide jurisdictional dispute.

Many years ago the East Bay Allied Printing Trades Council petitioned the Martinez Typographical Union to form an Allied Council so that the Allied Label could be put on union printing in Contra Costa County. They refused to cooperate because their members are running presses in various Contra Costa County communities and still are although those presses are rightfully our jurisdiction. The Oakland Typographical Union knows this because at that time they participated in the effort to carry the Allied Printing Trades Union Label into Contra Costa County. Who is calling who names?

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our new building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## 1546 BUILDING CORPORATION

The annual meeting of the East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge No. 1546 Building Corporation will be held on Oct. 3, 1961, at the hour of 8 p.m., at our new building, 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and to transact other business that may be brought before the meeting.

Fraternally,  
M. F. DAMAS,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Building Corporation

## CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
FRANK V. McINTOSH  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

On the agenda of the regular meeting night of Friday, September 22, 1961, the membership will be asked to consider the proposition of paying \$1 per member into the State Building Trades Council for a defense fund.

This is an important step in an effort to further the labor movement throughout California, and we strongly advise your attendance and opinions. Otherwise, regular meetings will be held. Social night, September 29.

We were delighted to learn former Vice President Ray Lane is very much improved in Veterans Hospital. A card to him would be appreciated.

Fraternally,  
L. D. TWIST,  
Recording Secretary

## ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

All members please note: \$1 (one dollar) assessment for State Building Trades Defense Fund is now due and payable.

Fraternally,  
JOHN GRIGSBY,  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The next meeting of Painters Local Union No. 40 will be held September 22. It has been designated a special meeting, called for the purpose of nominations for the position of trustee. The election will be held at the special called meeting of October 13. Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally Yours,  
BEN RASNICK,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting of Auto and Ship Painters 1176 will be on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1961 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE  
Business Rep.

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

The Stewards meeting will convene Thursday, Sept. 21, 1961, at 8 p.m.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1961, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Oct. 17, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,  
President  
LEROY V. WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

The membership meeting to be held September 21, 1961 has been designated as a Special Called meeting for the purpose of taking action on the Resolution pertaining to changing By-Laws of this Local Union, whereby voting machines would be used at our forthcoming general election of officers to be held in December.

JAMES MARTIN,  
Business Manager.

## PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Painters District Council 16 meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. in Hall G on the third floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Next meeting will be Sept. 21.

Fraternally,  
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY,  
Recording Secretary

## UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of Local 371 will be held on Oct. 14, 1961, in Colombo Hall. The Executive Board will meet at 1 p.m. The general meeting will be at 2 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
A. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary

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## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1961 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Bldg., 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8:00 p.m.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. If time permits, your Business Manager will give you a report in behalf of our eleven delegates who attended the U. A. convention in Kansas City, August, 1961.
3. Under order of Good & Welfare your Business Manager will have a message for you regarding the forthcoming election of your officers to serve you and your union for the years of 1962 and 1963, as well as other comments on the future of Local 444.

As your union meetings should be of importance to you and your families, please make an honest effort to attend and participate in deliberations.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Business Manager  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting Thursday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Please attend.

Fraternally,  
JOHN L. GIFFIN,  
Recording Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers of America, Local 1798. Executive Board meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14, 8:00 p.m., Union office, Room 208.

Regular Union meeting, Friday, Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,  
ELLA BAINES  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, Oct. 6, we meet in a regular meeting to work out a solution on a couple of questions. One refers to a possible change in our life insurance policy carrier, and the other one concerns the Blood Bank. You will no doubt receive a post card from this office referring further action to be taken at a future meeting on both questions. In the meantime, add the \$1 assessment to your check when paying your dues.

Fraternally,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## George Johns runs for S.F. supervisor

George W. Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, has entered that city's Board of Supervisors race.

Johns was endorsed by the San Francisco AFLCIO Committee on Political Education (COPE). Also endorsed by COPE for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was Jack Morrison.

COPE passed over the candidacy of Ernest Lotti, business representative for Teamster Chauffeurs 265.

Also ignored was Archie Brown of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

For city attorney, the San Francisco COPE picked Thomas O'Connor.

## Wine tasting party

Oakland Typographical Auxiliary is planning a wine tasting party from the 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Jewish Community Center in Oakland. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Carol Harris at KE 2-7874.

## Anderson and Ceremello, labor representatives, nominated by Houlihan

Tom Anderson of Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456 and Peter J. Ceremello of Paint Makers 1101 have been nominated to city commissions by Mayor Houlihan.

Anderson, second vice-president of the Central Labor Council, was the mayor's choice for the Housing Authority. Ceremello got Houlihan's nod to replace Frank J. DeMartini, former Teamsters 70 official, on the Civil Service Commission.

The mayor originally named Edward O. (Pete) Lee to the Civil Service Commission. The City Council overruled him last month. Lee is a member of Teachers 771 but was not nominated as a labor representative on the commission.

The council must approve the Anderson and Ceremello appointments before they are effective.

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## Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

Brother Guy Edwards, our head instructor at the Laney Trade Campus of the Oakland City College, has advised me that there are a number of openings in his plastic ducting classes.

Here is a chance for our journeymen sheet metal workers to get in on the ground floor. Already a number of our shops have come into contact with this material, but they had to sub it out as they did not have qualified personnel to do this type of work. So go now and register at the Laney Campus, Third Avenue and E. 10th street, Oakland. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m.

Guy also informs me that there is room in his pre-apprentice class. So those of you who have a son who is a high school graduate, send him to this class where he can start to learn a trade. He will be placed on a job after a period of learning and according to his ability. Once he is on the job, he attends school at night and every six months he will be transferred to a new shop. If he has a progressive record at school, he will get a raise in pay.

I would like to point out to all journeymen under 50 years of age and to all apprentices that there is available to them a chance to be insured under our Tri-State Council Death Benefit Plan. When one first joins, he pays \$3, and after that he pays the sum of \$1 for each death of a member who belongs to the death benefit plan. A member must be affiliated with the plan for six months before his beneficiary is eligible for benefits.

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## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

On Monday, the 25th, our office secretary will be back in the office after her vacation and you will be able to receive the same service as this office always gives to its members.

If you read last week's column you will know that I am already in Los Angeles attending the General Executive Board meeting when you read this.

There will be no regular San Francisco meeting on September 28th.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

The list is up to 220 this a.m., and it looks like the gravel beef is starting to roost in our barn from now on. The Teamos are talking, and it may be straightened out before too long, I hope. Meanwhile, if you are off for a few days you can get over your waiting week on unemployment, which is small consolation, but you can save a week in the wintertime.

The contribution for the State Building Trades Defense Fund passed last Friday at the special meeting by a unanimous vote of those present. So an additional buck is due on that score, and a good cause it is.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

A pre-job conference was held this past week in the offices of the Contra Costa Building Trades offices in Martinez, relative to the Fluor Corporation's job at the Standard Oil Refinery in Richmond.

Pipe fabrication will start immediately on this job as some one hundred fifty spool sheets are now available. Some 125 to 150 pipefitters and welders will be required. The completion date will be January 30, 1962. Further, forty per cent of the total cost of this Udex Plant, "Improves Product," is piping costs.

As per request by the Fluor Corporation, Brother Burl Blacklock and Brother Gene Blalock have been requested as General Foreman and Foreman respectively for this job. Mr. Bob Davis will be the General Superintendent for Fluor. This company is signatory to the National Industrial Pipework Agreement.

Be sure to attend our next meeting to be held Thursday, September 21, 1961.

## Painters Local No. 40

By BEN RASNICK

Do you remember the resolution regarding state minimum painting standards for the painting industry? In case you haven't heard, it was sent from the Painters Conference to the State Labor Federation, which was to try to get it before the Legislature. As was the case with many of the bills sponsored by labor, this one did not get very far. However, the issue is still alive, due to the hard work of James Lee, field representative for the State Building and Construction Trades Council. When I was in Los Angeles last month, he reported to the Executive Board of the State Conference that he had been successful in getting the bill sponsored and has arranged for a committee hearing. This committee will meet in the south and in San Francisco very soon. If labor and management can make a decent presentation, I can see no reason why this bill will not be reported out of the committee. Paint Makers Local 1101 has a stake in this also, with the possibility of increased production and a higher standard of material, etc. Let's really work on this one, Council No. 16!

Hats off to Painters Local No. 741 of Martinez for starting a journeyman training program. Several months ago, I arranged for a speaker from the federal program to speak to Council No. 16. He came, he spoke, and, as usual, that was the end of the training program for the coun-

cil. It seems to me that a program starting from the council would have a better chance of success with its many affiliated unions working together. What a great opportunity to show your membership that you are trying to do something for them between contract negotiations. I've used the word "program" a lot in this column, mainly because the council needs the needle in this respect. Here are some of the things I hear on the job and around the hall: How about a monthly newsletter or paper from the council once a month? Protection of the fringe benefits of the paperhangers?? Journeyman training?? Further education of the business representatives?? Assign one to work with another union once in a while, or with the Central Labor Council, especially during some negotiations or labor problem. Our representatives should be more than well paid job stewards. And how about the job steward system? Is it working??? Are we ever going to have a uniform hiring hall system, one that is used effectively by the six housepainters unions?? And on, and on...

If I have seemed to be too critical, that's fine. There are about fifty delegates to the council (and I am one of them) who seldom if ever come up with anything new or progressive. Ask yourselves, "Am I going to let this guy, Rasnick, say these same things two or three months from now?" And feel guilty??

## Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

A credit union is a separate corporation, not tied to any union, any company, nor to any other credit union. This credit union is a California corporation, supervised and audited by the State Division of Corporations, for "Members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and members of their families—Local Unions and their employees."

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## Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

25 Year Members: The meeting last Friday authorized the purchase of 104 buttons for 25-year members and later this year a ceremonial occasion will be arranged for the presentations. This is the largest group ever to qualify for the 25-year honor button and represents the revival of union prestige following the black depression years.

Employment has improved considerably for the industry, and at National Homes the number employed has sky-rocketed to a new high of 260.

Unemployment: If you register for unemployment compensation, you will be asked whether or not you want your union notified in case your claim is denied. Be sure to say "yes." Then we are notified of the denial and we can help appeal the decision.

In the Teamster situation a few weeks ago, some of our members apparently did not give the right answer because we did not receive notice of denials.

Schools: We'll be calling upon members to support Local 550 before their local school boards where new building is being contracted. Our plea is for adopting the Oakland ruling; The manufacturer must pay wages equivalent to the local scale in order to have his bid considered.

We subscribed to the Pacific Builder so we can keep up with all new school jobs in Northern California. We are preparing a letter to school boards that will state our demands and give the reasons for them. See the story on schools elsewhere in this paper.

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fund was set up to stop District 50 and similar under-cutting groups.

Bartalini charged that some unions are not giving the fund the support it deserves.

"Unions had better adopt some of the principles they used many years ago," he said. "When another union is in trouble, you dig down in your pocket to help."

District 50 inroads in some parts of the state are more serious than some people realize, Bartalini said. He referred to the fact that Roofers in a large part of Northern California signed with District 50.

### PLASTERERS STRIKE

Childers reported that the strike of Plasterers and Hod Carriers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties was still on. There is no picketing, and about half of the union members are working under interim pacts, he said.

### TEAMSTERS STRIKE

Transit mix drivers from Teamsters 70 rejected the latest offer from the Ready-Mixed Concrete and materials Association Tuesday night. The strike entered its second month last week, with a growing number of building tradesmen out of work because of it.

### TEAMSTER COOPERATION

Gunnar (Benny) Benonys of Carpenters 36 reported Teamsters had cooperated fully with building tradesmen in allowing work to continue at the Union Ice plant on West Grand avenue, which had been picketed in the grocery strike.

## 600 AFLCIO unionists hit by Teamster food strike here

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motive Machinists 1546 estimated that 15 members of that local observed picket lines at the Lucky warehouse.

### RANK-AND-FILEERS VOTE DOWN SETTLEMENT

Assistant Secretary Groulx told the Central Labor Council Monday night that the strike started Thursday, Sept. 14, when members of Teamster Warehousemen 853 voted down a settlement reached by their negotiators.

Local 853 struck the Lucky, Louis and Standard Grocery warehouses.

Teamsters 70 went on strike Monday against Safeway and Lucky wholesale installations in this area and the drayage firm serving Louis stores.

### LACK OF COOPERATION HINTED

In his report to CLC delegates, Groulx said he has had trouble getting together with negotiators for Local 853.

Groulx said the labor council has set up a committee of involved unions to help, but it has not been asked to sit in on negotiations.

He had been trying to get George Hunt of Milk Drivers 302, chairman of the Teamsters Liaison Committee, to call a meeting of that group to discuss AFLCIO-Teamster relations in the strike, Groulx reported.

### UNION SHOULD HAVE HANDLED 'GIVEAWAYS'

Groulx referred to the fact that Lucky Stores was giving away produce to charitable organizations, saying:

"If that stuff has to go to charity, I think that anyone who does not have marble between his ears should deliver it themselves, and not let management get \$50,000 worth of free publicity with \$25,000 worth of produce."

### CLERKS, OFFICE WORKERS & THE GOLDEN RULE

Union secretaries Kinnick and Wilkin said their members were observing the Teamsters' picket lines. But the Teamsters haven't always observed the Office Workers' and Clerks' picket lines, they said.

Kinnick cited the recent strike at the Sun Garden Packing Co. in San Jose. Wilkin cited a Clerks' picket line at the Lucky warehouse 11 years ago and a current one in Southern Alameda County.

A motion by Williams to call a meeting of Bay Area AFLCIO councils on "these serious problems" was referred to the Executive Committee.

## Labor-management courses at USF

The University of San Francisco Labor-Management School will open its 14th annual fall session October 3, with a series of six courses for members of unions and management personnel.

The courses are offered every Tuesday evening between 7:45 and 10 on the USF campus.

The program offered this fall includes courses on: automation and its effect on jobs, public speaking, impact of recent decisions on collective bargaining, parliamentary practice, union operations and finances, and a study of the latest papal encyclical and how it relates to labor-management relations.

Registration will be held on Saturday, September 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Tuesday, October 3, from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

The program is open to union members, management representatives and persons interested in industrial relations. Courses are open to both men and women, and there are no previous educational requirements. No college credit is granted.

### Strike sanction

Rubber Workers 64 has received strike sanction from the Central Labor Council against the Mansfield Tire and Rubber Co. Ed Porreca, union president, says one basic issue has been resolved, but two remain.

The union represents about 140 at the tire plant.

## IAM gets strike sanction against Friden, Marchant Calculators from CLC

Five Machinists' lodges received Central Labor Council strike sanction Monday night against Friden, Inc., San Leandro, and Marchant Division of Smith-Corona Marchant, Inc.

Ed Logue of Machinists 284 said another negotiation session was scheduled for this Tuesday afternoon. He said another vote of members of the five lodges is necessary before any strike can occur.

Other lodges in addition to 284 are 1176, 1330, 1518 and 1566. About 3,000 employees are represented by the five unions, all affiliated with Machinists' District Lodge 115.

## Office Workers settle United Crusade dispute

Office Workers 29 has settled its dispute with United Crusade offices in Alameda County.

Employees of the Crusade's Oakland, Berkeley and Hayward offices voted by a two to one margin Sept. 11 to accept a two year contract with five per cent raises retroactive to July 1, 1961, and six per cent raises on July 1, 1962.

Leah Newberry, president, and Ann Hollingsworth, business representative for Local 29, expressed thanks for Central Labor Council support. Robert S. Ash, executive secretary, and Russell Crowell, president, helped at the final negotiation session.

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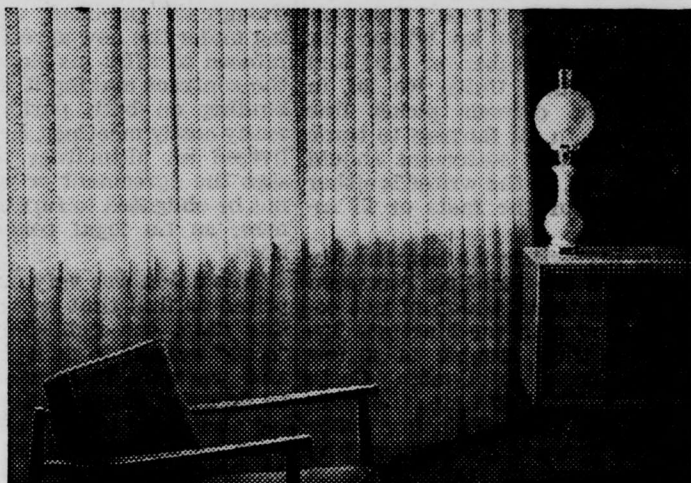
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## Ever hear of elephants clawing each other???

Ordinarily, we wouldn't use the word "hungry" to refer to a bunch of Republicans. We disagree with those who say the symbol of the so-called Grand Old Party is an elephant. To us, it's a fat cat.

At any rate, the Republicans in California must be getting famished. They're fighting among themselves like lean, hungry, starvation-stricken cats and dogs. Why? Because three years ago they got shut out in the cold. They lost every statewide race in California except that of secretary of state (the state kind, that is).

One of those defeated in the primary that year was the mayor of San Francisco. He was defeated by the then-governor of California in a contest to determine who would be the Republican candidate for U.S. Senator. The then-governor of California was then defeated by the voters of California, who picked a Democrat, Clair Engle.

Mayor Christopher now wants to be lieutenant governor. He's casting his lot with Tricky Dick Nixon, who was defeated for the presidency of the United States last November. George figures that Tricky Dick will be the GOP candidate for governor; he hopes Tricky Dick will choose him (George) as his running mate, get elected, and then quit after two years in office to run for the presidency again. This would leave George in the new governor's mansion they're talking about building in Sacramento.

Despite the space that the dailies are devoting to all of this, none of it is really very important because the voters will probably take care of the whole kit and boodle of 'em.

But the caterwauling has its comic aspects: Christopher, who was defeated (by Goodie) in 1958, is running down Goodie, who was also defeated in 1958, for saying he (Goodie) can attract Democrats. And Goodie, apparently forgetting his 1958 defeat, is saying he could do much better than Tricky Dick, who was defeated in 1960. Tricky Dick isn't saying too much because he isn't sure whether the shortest way from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., is via Sacramento or Whittier.

## Democracy and the Teamsters

Is the Teamsters Union undemocratic?

Two members of Oakland Local 70 answered "yes" on a Bay Area television program Sunday (see page 3). The two, Merle Bigenho and Ed Painter, denied that President James R. Hoffa represents so-called rank-and-filers in the Teamsters Union. They said the international's constitution discourages democracy. They said Hoffa was re-elected because he controls local and regional officials—who made up most of the delegates.

Neither Painter nor Bigenho would deny, we feel, that there are democratic locals in the Teamsters. We have at least one outstanding example in mind. And neither would deny that there are many top-down unions in the AFLCIO. How many AFLCIO unions elect their international officers by direct vote of members? How many, on the other hand, have nomination requirements which make it difficult for rank-and-filers to win a place on the ballot?

We feel Bigenho had the right idea when he said rank-and-file Teamsters should work within their union to make it more democratic. Those in other unions should do likewise. Sometimes these pro-democratic forces will need outside help, however.

In the case of the Teamsters, there is agitation to bring them back into the AFLCIO. This will be a good chance to help pro-democratic forces within the Teamsters by requiring a little more democracy in the international constitution. Let's not give in too easily, either.

Meanwhile, we urge all unions—independent and AFLCIO—to work together in their common fight to better the economic lot of their members. Their enemies are not each other, but a growing number of employers who seem to be out to break all unions so they can ride roughshod over their employees.

## Leaders and the led

Here's a case of an employer who says he won't deal with unions where whites belong to one local and Negroes to another.

The employer is the United States government.

We thought it was the union's job to jog employers once in awhile when they practiced discrimination.

In this case, the employer seems to be jogging certain unions.

## 'We're STILL in the Red'



## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

### PRESSMEN ANSWER TYPO'S LETTER

Editor Labor Journal:

In the September 8th issue of the Labor Journal, under the heading of "Opinions," there appears an article by William R. Churchill, member of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, in which he defends picket line crossing. In all fairness to trade unionists this statement should be refuted, as the writer is either ignorant of the facts or ill informed.

In his article he consistently criticizes the Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of not co-operating with the Martinez Typos in their trouble of a few years back in Contra Costa County. At that time, the Oakland Newspaper Printing Pressmen's Union did not have any jurisdiction in Contra Costa County and therefore was not involved. Although we were fully informed, we kept our nose out of another union's jurisdiction.

Let us look at the facts that brought about that problem a few years ago instead of trying to "bless a few rats." The ITU instructed the Martinez Typos at that time to include, in their proposal, language that gave them jurisdiction over the printing of a newspaper from the make ready to the finished product, which meant they would not only set the type but would do the stereotyping and the running of the presses which would complete the finished product. This directive from the ITU was copied word for word and circulated to the principal officers of the Allied Printing Trades in the Bay Area, and a meeting was held in the Don Hotel in Richmond, California, and was attended by officers of the printing trades, including international representatives of the various unions, Typos excepted. At this meeting, it was generally accepted by those in attendance that it was a formal statement in the ITU proposal that "Jurisdictional Raiding" was fair play. As a result of this ITU proposal to the Contra Costa County Publishers, the International Printing Pressmen's Union found it necessary to protect and defend itself against these foul tactics and, consequently, at the publishers' request furnished typesetters in the plants the Martinez Typos refused to cover.

Now, getting back to the issue which is currently facing us in Martinez is the fact that in January 1961 the publisher of the Martinez Gazette mutually agreed to a contract which was drawn up by his own representa-

tive and submitted to the Oakland Newspaper Pressmen's Union for signatures. This local union, having complied honorably with our commitments, was amazed to find that from the period January to July, 1961, although the publisher was working under the new agreement, he refused to affix his signature to the contract making it legal and binding on both parties. After many costly meetings, he was delivered an ultimatum to either sign the agreement or we would not be obligated to furnish pressmen, as no legal contract existed.

This union was very much surprised to find that on the deadline date, the publisher had a "scab" waiting to man the press, and we were further surprised to find the Martinez Typos willing and ready to cross our picket lines in defense of a "strike-breaking operation."

In conclusion, this local union inherited the Contra Costa County jurisdiction a few years ago because the Contra Costa Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union gave up their charter and petitioned to amalgamate with the Oakland Newspaper Printing Pressmen's Union and the Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants', respectively. At no time has this union ever crossed a picket line, nor do we intend to raid another union's jurisdiction. Furthermore, it is our opinion that to support a "rat" is to be a "rat." The Martinez Typos at the present time are running presses in various communities which are strictly our jurisdiction, and at the proper time we will rightfully claim what is jurisdictionally ours.

This local subscribes to the Journal 100 per cent, paid for out of our treasury so that our members may be well informed as to what is going on in the labor movement in the East Bay. We resent very much the printing of untrue statements which intend to cloud the real issues and show us up in a bad light to the readers of the Journal. I have been a delegate to the East Bay Allied Printing Trades Council for 15 years and its president for 3½ years ending this last December, and I am shocked to find that a union member condones "strike-breaking."

LEO E. KING,  
Former President  
Oakland Newspaper Print-  
ing Pressmen's Union,  
Local 39.

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### FATE

A strict belief in fate is the worst kind of slavery—Epicurus.

## NEW STEP IN LABOR-NEGRO COOPERATION

Cooperation between labor and the Negro community in the East Bay took a big step forward two weeks ago.

A column, "Labor on the Line," made its debut in The California Voice, a Negro newspaper published in Oakland.

According to Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, this publication is the most widely read one of its kind among East Bay Negroes.

### A VISION SHARED

There has long been a similarity of purpose between progressive labor unions and forward-looking Negro groups.

We share the same vision of a better America.

Yet labor and Negro groups often miss the opportunity of becoming strong, unified liberal forces in their areas.

In Alameda County, a major step was taken in this direction in 1958.

A group of Negro trade unionists realized that many of their race had been deluded into thinking there was something in common between the so-called right-to-work law and the hope for a Fair Employment Practices Law.

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth!

### 17TH A.D. COPE FORMED

With the help of the Central Labor Council, this group formed the 17th Assembly District Committee on Political Education (COPE).

Groulx has played a leading role in working with this group. Together, they have pushed doorbells and manned sound trucks to amass large majorities for labor-endorsed candidates and measures.

The 17th Assembly District was the only assembly district in California where the percentage against Proposition 13, the so-called right-to-work law was higher than that for Governor Brown in 1958.

### HOULIHAN CAMPAIGN

Particularly effective was the 17th A.D. COPE's work on behalf of Mayor John C. Houlihan last May.

In the April primary, Houlihan and then Mayor Clifford Rishell ran almost neck-and-neck in the city as a whole. Rishell polled 30½ per cent of the vote and Houlihan 30 per cent. The rest was divided up among other candidates.

But in the 17th Assembly District, Rishell outran Houlihan 34 per cent to 24 per cent.

Unionists from 17th A.D. COPE had their work cut out for them. They started pushing doorbells.

Result: Houlihan, 58.8 per cent; Rishell, 41.2 per cent in the 17th Assembly District.

COPE, Groulx adds, was the only group in the Negro community which worked for Houlihan.

### ITEMS REQUESTED

Groulx points out that the new column in The California Voice will help to end further the lack of communication between labor and the Negro community.

It will appear once a week and will include items about Negroes in unions and interpret labor news for the Negro community.

Groulx calls the column a "personal triumph for Tom Anderson and a great opportunity."

The column will be written by Tom Anderson, second vice-president of the Central Labor Council and secretary-treasurer and vice general chairman of Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456.

Anderson has asked that any unionist who has an item for the column contact him.

### Internal warfare

The internal warfare in the AFLCIO indicates that the union of unions is in danger of breaking up.—N.Y. Times.